

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; there are approximately two million people living with limb loss/difference in the United States; and

WHEREAS; according to the Amputee Coalition, more than 2,000 amputations are performed in Wisconsin each year; and

WHEREAS; diabetes, peripheral vascular disease, and trauma are cited as the leading causes of amputation with approximately 99% of cases being contributed to one of these causes; and

WHEREAS; the number of Americans living with limb loss/difference is projected to rise to over 3.6 million by 2050 unless prevention and education initiatives are made priorities; and

WHEREAS; access to appropriate prosthetic care for people living with limb loss is vital to enabling individuals to reach their full potential, live independently, and live well; and

WHEREAS; this Limb Loss Awareness Month, the State of Wisconsin joins the limb loss community in celebrating people living with limb loss and limb difference, learning about issues affecting people with limb loss, expressing gratitude to family and caregivers who are a source of support and motivation, and saluting our veterans who have lost their limbs in service to this country or in retirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 2020 as

LIMB LOSS AWARENESS MONTH


Throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to
all of our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the Great
Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed.
Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison
this 24th day of March 2020.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR



by the Governor


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State